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WATER POLLUTION FROM MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOURCES;
REPLACEMENT OF SHTEPA

REF: BROWN/LOEBNER TELECON 2/21/75
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1. EMBASSY ACTIVE IN ATTEMPTING SORTING OUT PAST
DIFFICULTIES RELATING TO COORDINATION OF SEVERAL SOVIET
MINISTRIES AND TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED WORKING RELATIONS.

2. ATTEMPTS TO TALK TO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF USSR
MINISTRY OF LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT, AND
TO REACH SHTEPA HAVENOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

3. HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT SHTEPA IS BEING
REPLACED BY PROFESSOR S.V. YAKOVLEV, WHO HEADS VODGEO,
THE ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF WATER
SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, HYDROTECHNICAL STRUCTURES
AND ENGINEERING HYDROGEOLOGY.

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4. SCICOUNS VISITED VODGEO TOGETHER WITH MELISSA BROWN, THE ENVIRONMENT ENGINEER CURRENTLY ON A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW ASSIGNMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT AND MET MOST KEY PERSONNEL.

5. AS A RESULT OF THIS VISIT IT APPEARS THAT WHILE VODGEO IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH TECHNOLOGY AND RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL SOURCES, IT IS NOT CONDUCTING MUCH RESEARCH DEALING WITH THE MUNICIPAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION. WITOUT DOUBT VODGEO PLAYS A MORE CENTRAL ROLE IN TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER THAN SHTEPA'S MINISTRY.

6. SCICOUNS PLANS TO MEET WITH YAKOVLEV AND KUVSHINNIKOV ON MARCH 4. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE HELPFUL IN CARRYING OUT THE REQUESTED TRANSMITTAL OF FEBRUARY 26 CAHILL/SHTIPA LETTER TO YAKOVLEV. STOESSEL

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